

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket Nos. 7708 and 7604

Joint Petition of Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc., and)
Vermont Transco LLC (collectively known as VELCO), and)
Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. (VEC) for a Certificate of)
Public Good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 248, authorizing)
the construction of: (1) a new VELCO 115/46 kV Substation)
in Jay, Vermont, to be located adjacent to VEC's existing Jay)
Peak Switching Station; (2) modification of transmission lines;)
and (3) relocation of a residence drive and improvement of an)
access road)

and)

Petition of Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("VEC"))
pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248 for a Certificate of Public Good)
authorizing the replacement of the Jay Peak Tap Transmission)
facility and the relocation of the existing 46kV transmission)
lines to the new facility in the town of Jay, Vermont)

Order entered: 3/16/2011

JOINT SCHEDULING ORDER

On January 19, 2011, Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc., and Vermont Transco LLC (collectively known as "VELCO"), and Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("VEC"), filed a joint petition for a Certificate of Public Good ("CPG"), pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, authorizing: (1) the construction of a new VELCO 115/46 kV Substation in Jay, Vermont, to be located adjacent to VEC's existing Jay Peak Switching Station; (2) modification of transmission lines; and (3) the relocation of a residence drive and improvement of an access road. The Public Service Board ("Board") is reviewing the petition in Docket No. 7708.

Additionally, on January 24, 2011, VEC filed a petition seeking an amendment to a CPG it was issued on August 6, 2010, in Docket 7604, authorizing the construction and operation of what is known as the Jay Peak Switching Station. The purpose of the requested amendment is to allow VEC to interconnect the switching station with the Jay Tap Substation if it is approved and

constructed. Because there are common questions of law and fact, VEC requested that the technical hearings for both Dockets be held concurrently.¹ On March 3, 2011, the Clerk of the Board issued a memorandum to the parties in Docket 7604 seeking comment by close of business on March 9, 2011, as to whether a public hearing and site visit were needed for the requested amendments, as well as the feasibility of having the two proceedings follow the schedules proposed in Docket 7708.

On March 9, 2011, VEC submitted comments in response to the Board's March 2, 2011, memorandum. VEC stated that the proposed amendments to the previously approved switching station design were unlikely to be noticed by the public, and any fence expansion would be minor, and that therefore, a site visit and public hearing were not warranted. VEC also represented that it was authorized to state that the Department of Public Service ("DPS") and the Agency of Natural Resources ("ANR") concurred with its position.

Because no party to Docket 7604 has objected to VEC's request, and because the proposed amendments are relatively minor, I am directing that the schedules adopted for Docket 7708² be extended to the review of the proposed amendments in Docket 7604. The two Dockets will remain separate, each with its own caption and orders.³ Accordingly, going forward the schedules set forth below shall apply to both Docket 7708 and Docket 7604, with the technical hearings for both proceedings being consolidated.

1. The schedules proposed by VEC for Docket 7708 also envisioned discovery in both proceedings occurring simultaneously.

2. The parties in Docket 7708 agreed upon and proposed two possible schedules, one in the event there are intervenors and one if there are no intervenors. Pursuant to the parties' proposal, the schedule ultimately followed will depend on whether there are any intervention motions filed in Docket 7708.

3. To the extent there are future procedural orders that are equally applicable to both Dockets, joint orders will be issued. Substantive orders applicable to only one of the two Dockets will be issued separately.

Schedule With Intervenor

DATE	EVENT
April 1, 2011	Responses to initial discovery due
April 1, 2011	Deadline for motions to intervene
April 8, 2011	Responses to motions to intervene
April 15, 2011	Order re: motions to intervene
April 22, 2011	Second round discovery on petitioners by Department and ANR; first round discovery on petitioners by intervenors
April 29, 2011	Discovery responses due
May 20, 2011	Parties file stipulation, if any, or petitioners file a status report with a proposed or stipulated schedule for the remainder of the proceeding
Week of June 13, 2011	Tentative technical hearing if stipulation is filed

Schedule Without Intervenor

DATE	EVENT
April 1, 2011	Responses to initial discovery due
April 1, 2011	Deadline for motions to intervene
April 15, 2011	Second round discovery on petitioners by Department and ANR
April 22, 2011	Discovery responses due
May 6, 2011	Parties file stipulation, if any, or petitioners file a status report with a proposed or stipulated schedule for the remainder of the proceeding
Week of May 16, 2011	Tentative technical hearing if stipulation is filed

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 16th day of March, 2011.

s/ John J. Cotter

John J. Cotter, Esq.
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: March 16, 2011

ATTEST: s/ Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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